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PROCESS TRANSITIONS
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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

RESPONSE

This is in response to the outstanding Office Action in the above-identified application.

Claims 1-27 stand subject to a restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. §121 as follows:

Group I - Claims 1-15, 26 and 27, classified in class 702, subclass 183, drawn to process mode analysis;

Group II - Claim 16, classified in class 702, subclass 188, drawn to process supervision;

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Group III - Claims 17-19 and 21-25, classified in class 702, subclass 185, drawn to state identification; and

Group IV - Claims 20, classified in class 702, subclass 187, drawn to process history logging.

In response, Applicants hereby elect, without prejudice, to prosecute the invention of Group I, claims 1-15, 26 and 27.

Applicants expressly reserve the right to prosecute all non-elected subject matter in related applications.

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